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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON GSP PRODUCT LIST

REF: STATE 219436 AND 219437

1. PER REFTELS, LIST OF PRODUCTS WHICH SOME ELEMENTS IN U.S. WOULD PREFER NOT TO SEE ON GSP LIST WAS PROVIDED BOTH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ON SEPTEMBER 19. GOH HAS NOT YET REACTED AND WITH OCTOBER 2 CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP AT DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IT MAY BE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE ANY RESPONSE IS RECEIVED. HOWEVER, AS GENERAL RULE GOH PREFERS BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TO USE OF OAS MECHANISMS SUCH AS SCCN.

2. FROM OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVT AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, WE KNOW HAITIANS HOPE THAT FOLLOWING PRODUCTS COULD BE INCLUDED IN GSP PRODUCT LIST DESPITE PRODUCER COMPLAINTS: FRESH VEGETABLES, CITRUS FRUIT, LEMON AND ORANGE PEEL, SWEETENED CHOCOLATE, LIME JUICE, ESSENTIAL OILS, PARTS OF MACHINES (680 AND 686), GLOVES AND GLOVE LININGS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS. IN FACT, ESSENTIAL OILS AND BASEBALLS ARE AT PRESENT VERY IMPORTANT
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ELEMENTS IN HAITIAN EXPORT PICTURE AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO

INCREASE PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF OTHER ITEMS.

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